

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-14 were rejected.

Claim 10 is currently amended herein.

Claims 1-9, 11-14 are original claims.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yi (US 5,660,401).

Yi teaches an improved skateboard having a single row of rollers mounted on the undersurface of a platform, so that the direction of travel of the skateboard is in the direction defined by the row of rollers. Further, Yi teaches that the skateboard is to be operated, as shown in FIG 1, by placing both feet on the platform, with the longitudinal axis of the feet aligned in the direction of travel of the skateboard.

By contrast, independent claim 1, newly amended claim 10, and depending claims 2-9, and 11-14 require that the “longitudinal axis of said user’s foot can be positioned *transversely to* said direction of travel of said transportation attachment”. In addition, a pair of such devices are disposed, one on each foot, in such a fashion that the user is able to propel the skateboards in a direction *transverse to the longitudinal axis of his feet* by performing an oscillating motion. In other words, in a broad sense, the direction of travel is generally sideways to the forward axis of the user, and the transportation devices are also pointed generally sideways to the user.

Neither Yi nor any of the other patents made of record teach the operation of a pair of skateboards or any other transportation devices in a direction *transverse to the axis of the user's foot*, by performing an oscillating motion. For example, Yi requires both feet to be placed on the skateboard in the direction of travel, and uses a different method of propulsion:

A person may stand on the platform and propel it forwardly with the aid of poles, somewhat like the propelling motions in cross-country skiing. (Column 1, Lines 14-16)

Accordingly, neither Yi nor any of the other patents made of record, individually or in combination, anticipate the instant invention, and the 35 USC 102(b) rejection is respectfully traversed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

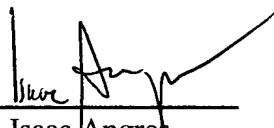
Entry and consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding office action, and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Any amendment to the claims that have been made in this amendment, which do not narrow the scope of the claims, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered cosmetic in nature, and to have made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777 if he feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues.

An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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